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VANIQUEOTES is an online encyclopedic mapping and compilation of Srila Prabhupada's teachings in the form of quotes organized into categories and pages. It is one of the seven petals of the Vanipedia project and, along with its partner Vanisource, will form the basis from which the rest of the Vanipedia petals will unfold.

Vaniquotes compiles quotes from Srila Prabhupada's primary works archived in Vedabase. This includes books, letters, and transcribed lectures and conversations. Researchers organize quotes by creating categories—primary research topics or terms—searching the Vedabase for relevant sub-categories or expressions, and then creating pages for expressions. Once a page is created, it is exhaustively compiled from the all source texts. Categories and pages build and extend upon naturally accruing themes as researchers dive more deeply into Srila Prabhupada's teachings and approach them from multiple angles of vision.

Vaniquotes offers an effective educational experience. Vaniquotes' thorough, thematic presentation makes it easy to approach the vast collection of Srila Prabhupada's teachings. It offers an excellent supplement to regular reading and listening in order to help consolidate and integrate material from various sources. Users of Vaniquotes can access Prabhupada's teachings via philosophical and social themes (such as "material existence" or "leadership"), the different personalities who present them (such as Narada Muni or Queen Kunti), or Srila Prabhupada's transcendental use of the English, Bengali and Sankrit languages.

Reading and research in Vaniquotes starts with the category namespace, where the user can search for a general topic or term and begin exploring the individual pages within it. In the course of perusing a page, the reader will find that consistencies, variations, and refinements in Srila Prabhupada's teachings become clear, and related terms or topics present themselves for further exploration. Terms which have come into common usage among devotees will take on new, authentic meaning and significance. Vaniquotes thus facilitates fuller, deeper understanding of Srila Prabhupada's teachings in a way that accelerates the process of assimilation, as quotes from various sources are presented together as they naturally relate to one another thematically.

Vaniquotes ensures that quotes retain their context.

- Each quote is linked to its full source text in Vanisource, which the reader may consult directly at a mere click of the mouse.
- Each page is compiled comprehensively, drawing all pertinent quotes from the full source field. Thus the reader sees a full cross-sectional treatment of a term or topic.
- Vaniquotes interlinks related categories to provide an easily referenced system of checks and balances to any given topic or range of topics.
- Lectures and conversations will eventually be compiled in audio form in Vanimedia and linked per topics through Vaniquotes, thus offering access to a further dimension of context.

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Practical application

- **Outreach/Educational Programs**—Perhaps you are giving a talk at a university, a yoga society or another public function, or you are scheduled to give class at the temple or a presentation at a nama-hatta program. Using Vaniquotes, you can quickly identify the main points in Prabhupada’s teachings as well as related aspects to explore for your topic. The resource that Vaniquotes offers can help to improve teaching and preaching of the proper conclusions of the Krishna conscious philosophy.
- **Policy and Program Development**—Vaniquotes can assist with planning and review of policies and programs. Vaniquotes facilitates systematic, comprehensive exploration of Srila Prabhupada’s instructions via key terms and themes, thereby promoting maximum understanding with minimum time spent. We encourage leaders to take advantage of Vaniquotes as both readers and contributors.
- **Academic Settings**—Vaniquotes can provide a framework and first level of exploration for scholarly research (such as for university term papers, theses or other projects). It offers an excellent tool for curriculum development as well, either inside or outside of ISKCON. Researchers and developers may compile material for their projects using the Vaniquotes platform and thereby contribute to the further development of the site for everyone’s benefit.
- **Independent/Personal Research**—Devotees can utilize Vaniquotes to research Prabhupada’s teachings as far as they wish into themes or topics of their own interest. In addition, as Vanipedia is a collaborative project, all are welcome to compile quotes and write articles as well. As long as the general principles of the project are followed, any topic is open to contribution.
- **Personal Sadhana**—Vaniquotes is an effective vehicle for devotees’ regular study of Srila Prabhupada’s works. Its thematic presentation helps to systematize study and accelerate learning, and its comprehensive, cross-linked compiling promotes broader and deeper understanding. Devotees who get involved with compiling especially benefit through the attentive reading required to produce high quality Vaniquotes pages.
- **Addressing Difficult or Contentious Subjects**—Vaniquotes’ facility for comprehensive collection of material per topic can provide a foundation for better informed, philosophically grounded discussion. All devotees, from the bhakti-vrksa sangas to the top levels of leadership, can have ready access to the guiding principles and specific examples that Srila Prabhupada has left us in his vani.

A Work in Progress

The Vanipedia project is currently concentrating on Vaniquotes. The goal is to complete 100,000 pages, totaling 1-2 million quotes. Compilers are serving from around the world, and there is plenty of room in cyberspace for more to join. The more pages in Vaniquotes, the richer the articles in Vanipedia, the more comprehensive the Vanibooks, and the more variegated and inclusive the Vaniversity courses. Says project founder Visnu Murti das, “My personal aspiration is that many of us can collaborate in offering this dynamic platform for Srila Prabhupada to continue training numerous assistants to help him give Krishna consciousness to the world.”

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